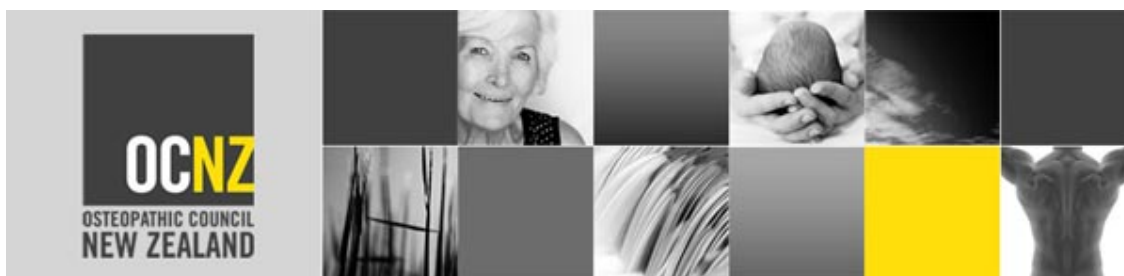


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Covid-19

As you will be aware, the New Zealand Government has advised that the Auckland region will return to Level 3 for three days from 11:59pm on Sunday 14th February, and that the rest of the country will return to Level 2 for the same time period.

Until we receive further advice from the Ministry of Health, please review what these Levels mean for your ability to practice, as per our previous advice.

As before, for Level 3, the primary method of care should be via telehealth or other ways of working remotely. Current guidance allows practitioners to treat face-to-face in the case of 'urgent care' but please note the high bar set in the definition of 'urgent care' – face-to-face care should still only occur in exceptional circumstances and you should be prepared to justify your decision to treat face-to-face for each patient appointment.

For those returning to Level 2, please review the increased requirement for hygiene and distancing requirements.

All COVID-19 guidance and information OCNZ has published can be found here: <https://www.osteopathiccouncil.org.nz/Public/Publications/Covid-19.aspx>

We will continue to update the profession as and when we can with any new information. In the meantime, please stay safe and be kind.

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